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NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

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Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Blogg.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER.—The following lectures and classes are announced: February 18th, Miss Metzke, at 12, Upper Phillimore Gardens, Campden Hill, at 3.30, on "The Art of Breathing." Miss Helen Webb, M.B., in the chair. Tea and coffee, 4.30.—March 4th, Ccsmo Monkhous, Esq., on "Art in Education," at 5 p.m., at 17, Pembridge Square (by kind permission of Dr. Gladstone, F.R.S.), who will occupy the chair. Tea and coffee, 4.30.—March 22nd, Dr. Schorstein, on "Signs of Overpressure," at 5 p.m., at 35, Bryanston Square (by kind permission of Mrs. J. Annan Bryce). Mrs. Stanton Blatch in the chair. Tea and coffee, 4.30.—May 3rd, the Rev. Canon Basil Wilberforce, D.D., on

"He prayeth best who loveth best,
 All things both great and small;
 For the dear God who loveth us
 He made and loveth all,"

at 5 p.m., at 12, Kensington Palace Gardens (by kind permission of Lady Montagu). Sir Samuel Montagu, Bart., M.P., in the chair. Tea and

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coffee, 4.30.—Brush-drawing lessons to children from 8 to 15, at 42, Linden Gardens, on Tuesdays, at 2.30; fee, £1 1s. per term.—Sloyd and Basket-work lessons, on Fridays, at 3.45; fee, £1 1s. per term.—Swedish Drill class, at 42, Linden Gardens, on Tuesdays, 3.45, for children from 6 to 16, conducted by Miss Armstrong (for many years teacher at Madame Bergman Osterberg's Gymnasium); fee, £1 1s. per term.—A class for Clay-modelling will be formed if sufficient names are sent in.—Hockey, for girls, on Mondays and Fridays, at 2.30; fee, 10s. per session.—Cricket, for children under 12 and for adults, will commence in May.—A Reading Circle (free to all members) will meet on Mondays, at 11.30, at 9, Pembridge Gardens. *Parents and Children*, by Miss Charlotte Mason, will be read and discussed. It commences on Monday, January 31st.—A course of six lectures, on "Life in France under Louis XIII.," will be given by Mrs. C. J. Crump, at 9, Pembridge Gardens, on Tuesdays, at 11.30, which commenced January 25th; fee, 10s. 6d. These have already met with great success at Hampstead, and it is thought that members may be glad to know of so interesting a course of lectures, though they may not directly bear on education. Names should be sent in at once. Syllabus on application to Mrs. Franklin—A good Educational Lending Library has been formed at 28, Victoria Street, S.W., and is free to members. Catalogues, price 4½d. It contains several copies of *Home Education* and *Parents and Children*, by Miss C. M. Mason, which members are advised to read.—Members are invited to bring friends to the meetings, and thus make the society known. Mrs. Franklin will gladly supply specimen copies of the *Parents' Review*, leaflets, &c., for distribution.—Mrs. Franklin is at home on Thursday mornings, at 9, Pembridge Gardens, W., and will be glad to enrol fresh members and give further particulars of the work of the Branch and of the Natural History Club, Mothers' Educational Course and *Parents' Review* School. All persons interested in the education of children, not parents only, may become members. The subscription is 10s. (including the *Parents' Review*). It becomes due on January 1st.

BELGRAVIA.—On Monday, February 14th, the Rev. L. H. Wellesley-Wesley will address this branch on "Home Training." The meeting will be held at 35, Cranley Gardens, S.W. (by the kindness of Mrs. Guy Pym), at 4 p.m. Tea and coffee after the meeting.—A course of lessons in Singing (Tonic Sol-fa method) to children (beginners) is being given by Miss Mills, at 59, Ennismore Gardens (by the kindness of Mrs. Scott), on Fridays, at 12 o'clock.—A course of eight lectures, on "French Literature," is being given by Mdlle. Duriaux, at 36, Roland Gardens (by the kindness of Mrs. Elliot), on Wednesdays, at 12.—French classes (Gouin method) for children are held by Mdlle. Forckel, at 21, Hyde Park Gate (by the kindness of the Hon. Mrs. Muir Mackenzie), on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 4 p.m.—Six lectures on "Studies in Robert Browning," are being given by the Rev. Professor Shuttleworth, at 36, Roland Gardens (by the kindness of Mrs. Elliot), on Tuesdays, at 4.45.—Lectures on "House-keeping" are being given by Mdlle. Ninet, at 39, Graham Street, on Thursdays, at 12.30.

HAMPSTEAD.—The December meeting took place at 74, Fitzjohn's Avenue (by the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Pidcock). The lecture was

given by the Rev. Brooke Herford, D.D., who spoke on education in the United States. An interesting discussion followed, opened by the chairman, H. B. Garrod, Esq. There was a good attendance of members. The next meeting will be on February 11th. Mr. Nesbitt has kindly promised to speak on "The Teaching of History."

ST. JOHN'S WOOD.—The third meeting of the St. John's Wood branch of the P.N.E.U. was held on Thursday, December 16th, at 44, Finchley Road (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle Penrose). The chair was taken by the Rev. Johnson Barker, and an interesting paper, entitled, "How the P.N.E.U. may best help the Poorer Classes," was read by Miss Kate Hall, Curator of the Whitechapel Museum. The attendance was very small, owing to another meeting in the neighbourhood, but those who were present were much interested in the paper.

RICHMOND AND KEW.—A science lecture, entitled "The Life History of a Butterfly," was delivered to an audience, chiefly composed of children, by Miss Mary Simpson, on January 12th, in the Gymnasium of the High School, Richmond, kindly lent for the occasion by Miss Johnson, B.A. Miss Simpson, who carried her audience with her, divided the butterfly's history into what she described as three chapters: (1) the eating or caterpillar chapter; (2) the sleeping or chrysalis chapter; (3) the flying or butterfly chapter. The lecture which was illustrated by lantern slides, was much appreciated.

READING.—A meeting of the Committee was held at the High School on December 18th, to elect the officers for the ensuing year and to make suggestions for the new programme. Resignations were handed in by Rev. A. H. Cunningham (hon. treasurer), Dr. Hastings Gilford (branch representative), and Miss C. E. Strachan (hon. secretary and treasurer of Natural History Club). Mrs. C. W. Taylor, Miss L. E. Haigh, Miss Hart-Davis and Mrs. Edminson were severally elected to fill the vacancies, the last two taking the offices held by Miss Strachan.

EASTBOURNE.—The February meeting will be held (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Farnell) at Hampstead House, on Friday, the 18th, at 8 p.m. The address will be given by T. G. Rooper Esq., subject, "Dr. Séguin."

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S.—On Friday, February 4th, at 3 p.m., at Caple-ne-ferne (by kind permission of Mrs. Tubbs), a lecture will be given by T. G. Rooper, Esq., H.M.I., subject, "Lord Collingwood as an Educationalist"; chairman, Rev. H. J. Graham, M.A.

SCARBOROUGH.—On November 24th, the Scarborough Branch of the P.N.E.U. held a drawing room meeting (by invitation of Miss Theedam). About 60 members and friends were present to listen to Miss Soulby's most interesting paper on the "Education of Girls of the Leisured Classes." The paper was a great treat and inspired the hearers with high aspirations, and it was delivered with calm, quiet emphasis which carried conviction with it.—On November 25th, the first of a series of meetings for nurses was held at the Vicarage Room, when the Bishop of Hull presided. At the commencement of the meeting the Archbishop of York said a few words to the nurses, speaking to them of their responsibilities of training the children under their care. He pointed out to them that the success of their work depended on their own personal characters, not so much in what they said and did as in what they *were* themselves. About 30 were

present, and an admirable lecture was given by Dr. Charles Salter, on the "Management of the Nursery." After the lecture the nurses were invited by Mrs. Blunt to tea.—On December 15th, Miss Hughes delivered a most admirable address on the "Moral Government of Children," before a good audience of members and others. The address was brilliant with suggestive thought, and shows how completely the speaker was master of her subject, and how great her experience has been.—A reading circle meeting has been started as the result of Mrs. Franklin's visit. The meetings are held once a fortnight, and the members who have joined very much value being able to talk out together the many problems which arise from the reading of *Home Education*. In this way they feel they are distinctly gaining, and that the kind of help they get at these meetings is of lasting benefit.

BOLTON.—A meeting of this branch was held on January 6th, at Heaton Grange (by kind permission of Mrs. Knowles), when Miss Staley, of New Brighton, read a very interesting paper on the "Responsibility of Parents." There was a good attendance and the paper was much enjoyed and several points discussed at its close. The next meeting will be held on February 7th, when it is proposed to have a discussion on the two books the branch has decided to read—*Home Education* and *Levana*.

FARNWORTH.—A meeting of this branch was held on Monday, December 13th, at Hardman Fold (by kind permission of Mrs. Fernihough), when Alfred Kershaw, Esq., M.D., gave a most interesting address on "Nursing." Unfortunately there were very few members present, but those who were able to come very much enjoyed and appreciated the address. The next lecture will be on January 31st, when the Rev. H. E. Burgess, M.A., will speak on "Disciplinary Methods."

SHEFFIELD.—The second meeting of the session was held on Dec. 2nd, at 22, Rutland Park (by the kind invitation of Mrs. Woodhouse), when Mrs. Watson gave an earnest address on "Example the Best Way of Teaching." Two new members joined the Union after the meeting.—In February Mrs. Woodhouse has kindly promised a paper on "The Physical Training of Girls in Secondary Schools," and in March Miss Simpson will lecture on "Seeds and Seedlings."

BIRKENHEAD.—On Monday, November 8th, Mrs. Miall gave an interesting lecture on "Forgetting," held (by kind permission of Mrs. Dagnall) in the Gymnasium, Sandholme, Beresford Road.—November 13th, a Natural History Exhibition was held in the Preparatory School (by kind permission of Miss Cox). There were quite a large number of exhibits, chiefly work done by the members of the Naturalists' Field Club during the summer months.—December 13th, Professor Strong read a most interesting paper on "The Teaching of Modern Languages." The attendance was small, as no teachers were able to be present, owing to the fact that it was examination time, but the lecture was much appreciated by those who were.

SOUTHPORT.—A course of six successful lantern lectures has been held for the children of members. The average attendance was about 26. The subjects were "Seashore Creatures and Treasures"; "Horses, Sheep and Cattle"; "Spider, Fly and Ants"; "Caterpillars, Moths and Beetles"; "Owls, Bats and Squirrels," and "A Picture History Lesson." The children were greatly interested, and Miss Beatrice Taylor,

the lecturer, drew out and inspired them, for they freely asked questions, and told of their own observations and experiences. Specimens of almost everything mentioned were procured, and examined before and after each meeting. The lecture on "Seashore Creatures and Treasures" was specially delightful, and it was charming to see the eagerness of the children over the "Caterpillars, Moths and Beetles."—In the spring a course of Nature rambles will be organized for members, their children and nurses, due notice being given.

EDINBURGH.—On November 19th, the opening address was delivered by Professor Kirkpatrick, at 27, Moray Place, by kind permission of Mrs. Trayner; J. M'Candlish Esq. in the chair. The subject, "Aims of Secondary Education," was of great interest, dealing as it did with the education of our boys after the early schooldays had passed. At the close there was an interesting discussion on the choice of a profession, in which Mr. Brodie Innes and Mr. Hugh Cameron took part. The second meeting was held on Friday, December 10th, at 4, Charlotte Square (by the kind permission of Mrs. Barbour), when John Adams, Esq., read a most interesting and suggestive paper entitled "Mind Building." There was a large and appreciative audience. The discussion afterwards was only brought to a close by the lateness of the hour; Dr. A. H. F. Barbour presided. Holiday expeditions for children have been arranged, beginning on Saturday, December 11th, when a party of sixteen children visited the Parkside Publishing Works, accompanied by two members of committee, and by kind permission of Mr. George Brown, saw the various processes in lithographic printing, stereotyping and bookbinding. The children were greatly interested in all they saw. Particulars of further expeditions to Glassworks, to the Outlook Tower, etc., etc., will be duly intimated to all children whose names are sent to the Secretaries.

GLASGOW.—On December 13th, Dr. Bryce delivered an interesting lecture on "Growth," at 8, Park Circus Place (by kind permission of Mrs. Robertson). The lecture was illustrated by diagrams and charts. The lecturer showed that growth follows a regular fixed law during the first seven years, the rapidity of growth, both in weight and height, gradually diminishing after the first three years. From seven to fifteen the sexes grow at different rates. Both as regards weight and height, girls grow more slowly from eight to nine, and more rapidly from ten to fifteen, than boys; but their *rapid* growth then ceases, whereas boys grow most rapidly from fifteen on till the twenty-third year. Climate and circumstances affect growth. The American is more precocious, both bodily and mentally, than the English child. The *pauses* in growth are the times when children are most liable to disease. Children grow most in spring and early summer. Northern tribes do not grow at all during the darkness of winter months. The English high-class public school boy is the tallest and heaviest of the community at a certain age, the scale gradually descending to the boy at the industrial school, who is smallest and lightest,—a proof that food and circumstances, as well as heredity, determine growth. At the close of the lecture Mrs. Robertson made a few remarks, and the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL ORDER OF TEACHING WITH
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AS Rosencranz expresses it, there may be distinguished three epochs in the mental life of the child:—

I. The intuitive—I use the word with the German meaning of sense-perception.

II. The imaginative, during which the developing mind is more accustomed to dwell on mental images, is less passive to impressions, more active in calling them up, in fashioning them anew.

III. The logical epoch, during which the impulse is to harmonise the world without and the world within, to fit all things into a scheme of space and time, of order and law.

The near objects which the children can touch and taste and see objectively, these are the first things which call forth the attention, that self-activity by which the mind fastens on its prey, and converts percepts into concepts; as the jelly fish catches the floating prey in its tentacles and absorbs it into its substance, so the child stores up experiences and memories which enrich all future percepts. We may ask what is the

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